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HIGHLIGHTS OF SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION MEETINGS



BACKS TO CAMERA: W. J. and Mrs. Carey Andes. FACING CAMERA, left to right: Franklin W. Thomas, Mrs. Mary Meyer, and F. A. Meyer.

Ga. - S. C. Association Confronted By 'The World'

Because routine business was handled with dispatch, delegates and visitors at the Ga.-S. C. Association meeting, held at Charleston, S. C., had opportunity to view the real work of the church in the Charleston area — ministering to the hurts and needs of persons.

On Saturday afternoon, Rev. Robert W. Boson, pastor of Circular Church, shared some of the varied ministries in which he and his people are, or have been involved, a few of which are: Coffee House ministry; pre-school day kindergarten; production of two weekly radio programs on problems of youth, one directed toward youth and the other toward parents; production of a TV series on problems of youth and parents; new forms of worship; "Alateen Group" for young people who have a serious alcohol problem in their family; initiation of a crisis intervention phone service; consultation and counseling service for women with problem pregnancies.

On Saturday evening at Plymouth Church, four young people brought the crisis intervention phone service to life through role-playing and responding to questions from Association participants. Plymouth Church's pastor, Rev. John T. Enwright, explained the proposed ministry of Ply-

North Alabama Association

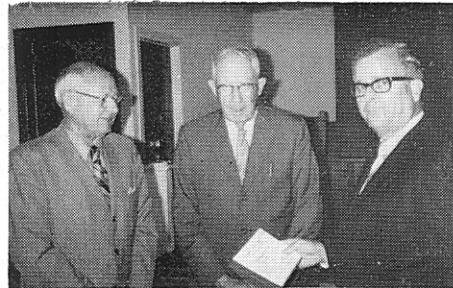
The North Alabama Association met Oct. 2, 1971, at Jones' Chapel, Moulton, Ala. Most of the churches were represented and had paid per capita dues of \$1.00 per member. This was the first year that the churches had tried to pay the expenses of their pastor-at-large, Dr. Guy L. Colbert. The Alabama-Tennessee paid the expenses the first two months.

The churches reported what they had done: Central Air-Conditioning and heating systems were installed at Old Liberty Grove and at Jones' Chapel; Arley, Robertson's Chapel changed its name to Arley Congregational Christian Church; Union Church in Houston shares a new building with the Baptists, where they have a joint Sunday School. Each denomination has a minister to preach two Sundays a month. Membership and attendance have increased at most of the churches; each church generally has a service of worship each Sunday by having two or more ministers in their congregations. Although these ministers have full time work at other occupations, they preach and share in other responsibilities of the church.

Rev. Roy Bain, minister at Haleyville, Alabama, is the new Association moderator. Vice-moderator is Rev. George Washington. The scribe-treasurer is Dr. Guy L. Colbert, the pastor-at-large. Chairmen of Committees: Education — Mrs. Katherine Wilson; Church and Ministry — Guy L. Colbert; Outreach — Rev. Robert L. Shelton.

Rev. Henry W. Tuttle, pastor at Huntsville, and Roger Loosier led a discussion on Stewardship and Mission which asked the Southeast Conference to state clearly its financial needs and the churches would respond. Mr. Loosier, just back from Vietnam, spoke of the needs he had seen overseas and expressed a hope that we do all we can to meet those needs.

mouth House and took interested persons through the rain to visit the building. The



L to R: Joe French, A. C. Nelson, W. Walter Hall.

Ministers Honored At East Alabama

Rev. Joe French and Rev. A. C. Nelson were presented Certificates of Recognition for their long and outstanding work among the churches of the area and denomination. The Rev. Mr. French is retiring from the pastorate at United Church, LaGrange, Ga., effective Dec. 31, 1971; the Rev. Mr. Nelson has retired a number of times, but continues to preach occasionally when needed. The Rev. W. Walter Hall, East Alabama Chairman of Church and Ministry, made the presentations.

At the two-day session of East Alabama Association, approximately 100 people attended on the first day at Oak Grove and 60 on the second day at Todd.

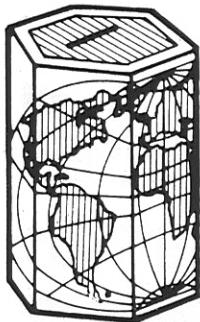
Inspirational messages were particularly concerned with PEOPLE. Warner Noles, leading the opening devotional, reminded delegates that the "descendants of Abraham are not angels, but *people*"; the church is made up of imperfect people, but their concerns are and must be with persons. Moderator Allen Hollis emphasized a three-fold concern: As a church we must establish a dynamic power-filled relationship to God, reach out toward others acting on their behalf, and look toward the final judgment when all will be made right.

It was noted that the giving of the churches had increased 13.44% in 1971 over 1970.

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What Is The Family Thank Offering?



- An over-and-above-all gift to our denomination.
- A participation in highly relevant projects of the United Church of Christ.

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR IT IN THE LOCAL CHURCH?

- The Committee for Lay Life and Work
- The Stewardship or OCWM Committee
- A special committee of the church
- The deacons (in some former E and R Churches) or the trustees (in some former CC Churches)
- The women's group or the men's group (who should try to involve all church families)
- The pastor

Family Thank Offering

HOW IS IT RECEIVED IN LOCAL CHURCH?

- In a regular Sunday morning or evening worship service

- With one church family representing all families
- With a "composite family" representing different age groups and circumstances
- With a member of each church family bringing its boxes to the altar
- In a special service centering around the F. T. O. dedication, perhaps in connection with a Family Night Supper
- In the women's or men's organization (but be sure it's a "family affair"!)

WHEN SHOULD IT BE RECEIVED?

- Usually in the fall of the year, near Thanksgiving
- Sometimes in January
- Sometimes on Laity Sunday
- Sometimes in May, during Christian Family Week

WHAT HELPS ARE AVAILABLE?

- Letter sent by Council for Lay Life and Work to each church in August 1971
- Booklet, *With Heart — With Mind*, contains project highlighted each month, with prayer, suggestions for local churches, dedication service. One copy of 1971 booklet was in Fall 1970 Laity Packet and in Stewardship Packet.
- New F. T. O. boxes (5c each) and new F. T. O. labels (3c each) are now available from Central Distribution Service, Box 7286, St. Louis, Mo. 63177.

WHERE IS THE FAMILY THANK OFFERING SENT?

- Your local church treasurer should plainly designate this as "Family Thank Offering" and send it to Southeast Conference, P. O. Box 29883, Atlanta, Ga. 30329.
- This gift will be listed under "Other Support" for Our Christian World Mission in the U. C. C. Yearbook.

FOR WHAT IS THE FAMILY THANK OFFERING USED?

1. New ministries among Indian Americans (\$100,000)
2. Lay Leadership development overseas (\$75,000)
3. Civil liberties for forgotten Americans (\$60,000)

Details of these projects are listed in the 1971 *With Heart — With Mind*.

— Adapted from *Lay Leaders Bulletin*, Sept. 1971

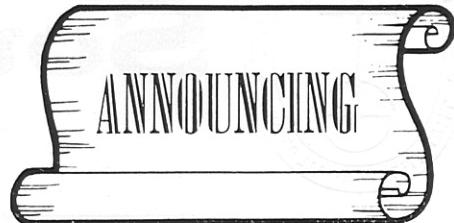
'Great Day' Planned For Dorchester

Lay men, lay women and youth from Georgia and South Carolina will gather at Dorchester Center, McIntosh, Ga., Saturday, November 6, for a "GREAT DAY" of fellowship, eating, work and study.

Growing out of the concern expressed by several people, the event will fea-

ture: dialogue across generations and sexes, helps for persons and groups to "DO: ACCORDING TO YOUR FAITH", good food and fellowship, and a work project for improving the Center.

Those who come a long distance may, if they wish, arrive at Dorchester on Friday night, November 5, and be there bright and early for a full day of activities. Cost is \$4.75 per person, including meals.



Monday, November 1 — 2 P. M.: Pastors of Aided Field churches meet at Berry College. Meeting concludes November 2 before lunch.

Saturday, November 6 — 8:30 P. M.: Camp Ozone Committee meets until 12 noon.

9:00 A. M.: "GREAT DAY" at Dorchester Center, McIntosh, Ga.

Sunday, November 7 — 10:45 A. M.: Bonanza Church 5th Anniversary Service; George Nishimoto, guest speaker.

3:00 P. M.: Ground-breaking for Church of the Savior, Knoxville, Tenn.

Monday, November 8—11:00 A. M.: Association and Conference Moderators; also Ministers' Convocation Committee, Central Church, Atlanta, Ga.

Monday, November 8 — 7:30 P. M. until 12 on Tuesday, November 9: SEC Board of Directors, Central Church, Atlanta.

Friday, November 12 — 9 A. M.: President Robert Moss meets with Conference Staff members in Southern Region, Central Church, Atlanta.

2 P. M. until 3 P. M. on Saturday, Southern Regional Council on Mission Priorities, Central, Atlanta.

Saturday, November 13 — 2 P. M.: Roosevelt State Park Camp Staff meets at Pitcock home, Atlanta.

Sunday, November 14: STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY.

Sunday, November 21: THANKSGIVING SUNDAY. Suggested day for receiving Family Thank Offering. Also beginning of NATIONAL BIBLE WEEK.

Tuesday, November 23 — 11 A. M. to 3:15 P. M.: Celebration of the Georgia Council of Churches, First Presbyterian Church, 1328 Peachtree St., Atlanta, Ga.

Thursday, November 25: THANKSGIVING DAY.

Sunday, November 28: FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT.

PERSONALS

The Rev. B. L. Butler, pastor of the First Congregational Church of Andalusia, Alabama, was married to Cora Peevy, on July 4, 1971. The wedding vows were spoken by the Rev. Otto Culpepper at the parsonage of the New Hope Church, near Clio, Alabama. The Butlers are now living at 111 Barron Avenue, Andalusia, Alabama.

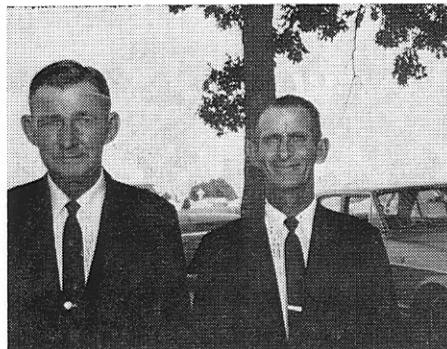
Black American Churchmen Attend Meeting In Tanzania

The first major venture in ecumenical relations for Black Americans and Africans was held recently at the Luther House Hotel in Dares-Salaam, Tanzania.

Sponsored by the African commission of the National Committee of Black Churchmen and the Tanzanian Consultative Committee, the delegates, of whom 50 were Americans, discussed "Black identity and solidarity, and the church as a medium for social change."

Topics discussed included: how U.S.A. Blackmen and African Blackmen see one another; the theological basis of social action (Black theology); rural development; Black economic development and Black education.

Findings will be published and made available to churches and other institutions.



L to R: Robert Shelton and Earnest Shelton.

SHELTONS SERVE MORE THAN 70 YEARS

Although their faces belie the years, Robert and Earnest Shelton, brothers, have served their Lord as pastors of north Alabama churches for a combined total of more than seventy years.

Having pastored most of the churches in north Alabama at one time or another for forty-five years, *Robert Shelton* has now retired to the home place in Lawrence County, where he attends brother *Earnest's* church and fishes. He and his wife, the former Ethel Hays, have six children, seventeen grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Earnest Shelton is pastor of Caddo Church, Trinity, Ala. He and his wife, the former Eva Bowling, have eleven children and seventeen grandchildren. During his 19-year pastorate, the congregation has grown in numbers, the building has been rebuilt, and a well dug. In addition to his church work, he owns his own farm where he grows cotton, corn and hogs.

We are happy to give recognition to these two devoted servants of the Lord.

below; *do it now* to avoid disappointment.

Also, we like news. If you have not seen any from your church or association, appoint yourself a committee of one to gather it and send it in.

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If you have not renewed your *Southeast News* subscription in the past six months (\$1.00 per year will not break you unless you are already broke), this is the time. Under a revised plan, all subscriptions, except a few which have been paid far in advance, will expire at the end of December 1971. Those renewed from now through December will expire at the end of 1972.

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IN MEMORIAM

Mr. H. T. Pemberton, of Tallahassee, Alabama, died Sept. 22, 1971. He was the father of Mrs. Floyd Carmack. The Carmacks are pastor and family at our Bonanza Church.

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The family of Mrs. John Roemer, of Nashville, Tennessee, was saddened by the death of both parents of Mrs. Roemer, in recent days. Their funeral was held on Wednesday, Oct. 13th, 1971, in Louisville, Kentucky. Mrs. Roemer is the wife of the Rev. John Roemer, minister of First Church, Nashville, Tenn.

Arnold Slater To Be Honored

Following a pastorate at Pilgrim Church, Chattanooga, Tenn., of twenty-seven years, Rev. Arnold Slater will retire on December 31, 1971.

To honor Arnold and Pauline, the Pilgrim Church congregation is planning a special church service on Sunday morning, December 5; in the afternoon, from 3 to 5 o'clock they will be guests of honor at a tea and reception. All members and friends are invited to attend and participate.

The church will also present a purse to the Slates. Any who want to participate in this may send a gift, specifying the purpose, to Mr. Joseph Lewis, 1822 Crestwood Drive, Chattanooga, Tenn. 37415.

Word has just come of the resignation from the pastorate at New Hope Church, Clio, Ala., of Rev. and Mrs. Otto Culpepper, because of ill health. The Culpeppers have returned to their home, 819 Gilmer Ave., Tallahassee, Ala. 36078.

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Ozone Mini-Conferees waiting for rides home.

Ozone Mini-Conference

Thirty-three youth and adults gathered at Camp Ozone, Tenn., Sept. 24 - 26 to "grow as a group." Despite the rainy weather, forgetting the hot dogs for the cookout and having to walk a mile to retrieve them, the complaints of people who had to "treasure hunt" their Sunday morning breakfast, and the long walks between cabins and the bathhouse, a productive weekend was enjoyed.

The program was not heavy. Those who could, came in on Friday night, played table games, snacked, and talked till the wee small hours. On Saturday morning there was boating, hiking, volleyball and other recreation. Utilizing materials from the *Issues and Actions Packet*, the SEC YOUTH officers tried to help others in group-building, by simulating the formation of youth groups of approximately seven persons each. The struggles were many.

Camp Ozone Chapel provided the setting on Sunday morning for a dialogue worship service led by youth of Pilgrim Church, Chattanooga.

Several commented, "It was great. We had time to get to know each other. We weren't programmed every minute!"

PHENIX CITY YOUTH HOLD WEEKEND RETREAT

Youth of First Congregational Christian Church, Phenix City, held a Retreat at Lake Martin, October 1 through 3, at the lakeside home of Dr. and Mrs. E. M. Moore from Montgomery, Alabama.

Varied activities and spiritual emphases were enjoyed by the 24 who attended.

Personal "Quiet Time" Devotions were scheduled each morning along the lake. Vesper and personal sharing times were deeply enjoyed by all. A "mission film"

Are You Only ½ Learning?

If your experience with people of different lands and of various cultures is limited to books, TV, lectures, or slides, then you're only ½ learning!

A Summer 1972 Seminar to Israel—an opportunity to travel, relate, work with others, and study—is being planned, to extend from June 4 through July 13.

Included are orientation at LaGrange College, living and working and relating to people on Kibbutz Yit-at in Israel, traveling in Israel and Greece, and debriefing. Persons 16 years of age or older (high school or college, plus a few adults) may participate. If desired, college credit may be earned.

Leaders: Dr. Charles F. McCook, Professor of Religion, LaGrange College, LaGrange, Ga. 30240; and Rev. Emilie F. Pitcock, Minister of Christian Education, Southeast Conference, U.C.C., Post Office Box 29883, Atlanta, Ga. 30329.

Write to either of the leaders for details, but do it at once, to avoid disappointment.

East Tallassee Calls Pastor

On Sunday, September 26, the East Tallassee Congregational Christian Church voted to call Don Whitehead to be their full-time pastor.

The church is building a new parsonage where Don and Martha will reside as soon as it has been completed.

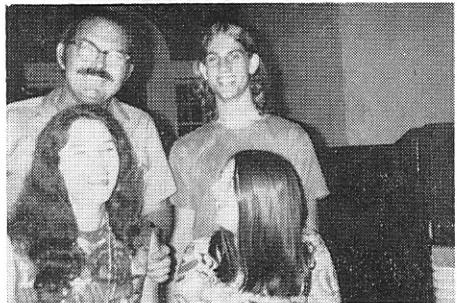
on Panama was shown by one of the youth directors, Mr. Coolidge Culpepper.

The highlight on the spiritual side, was an evening when the group sat on the dock, under the full moon and with candles in hand, enjoying quiet-mooded hymns and songs; then the youth and adults shared what Jesus means to them by giving personal testimony.

Recreational activities included hiking, swimming, fishing and varied games.

Those participating wore buttons which declared their faith in God. The buttons displayed the following sayings: "One Way—Jesus"; "Have You Heard? — Jesus Loves You"; "Smile! God Loves You"; "Bridge Over Troubled Water — Jesus."

This group of young people had the entire worship service at 11:00, on October 10, at the First Congregational Christian Church, at which time, they shared with the congregation the experiences of the weekend retreat.



Youthful leaders of Crisis Intervention Drama at Ga. - S. C. Association.

GA. - S. C. ASSOCIATION

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Plymouth Choir, under the direction of Miss Edna Brown, sang what the pastor called "heavenly music" — and it was!

Dr. William T. Scott spoke at the Saturday morning session of the work of Elon Home for Children, which provides homes and counseling for children whose problems defy most of our wildest imaginations.

A moving service of worship on Sunday morning brought the Association meeting to a close. Pastors, choirs and congregations of Plymouth and Circular Churches joined efforts, providing for their congregations and for Association visitors a very meaningful spirit of cooperation. Mr. Franklin W. Thomas, personnel Director for the City of Atlanta, Ga., and a member of the U.C.C. Council for Lay Life and Work, spoke eloquently on his commitment as a layman to the work and ministry of Jesus Christ through the church.

Real fellowship was felt by all present, and particularly by those who stayed in a nearby motel for two nights, finding opportunities to eat together and visit informally.

Association officers elected were: Moderator, David W. Beebe; Vice Moderator, Miss Augusta Pettie; Secretary, Mrs. Edward A. Driscoll; Treasurer, Robert L. Smothers.

News From Bethel Church, West Point, Ga.

Friends of Mr. John Carpenter recently gave an air conditioner in his memory.

Claudia Blackstrom, a teen-ager, raised \$33.00 to help feed a hungry child and took the money to the East Alabama United Church Youth meeting.

New church officers for 1971-72 took office October 1.

—MRS. ALBERTA WALTERS

1st Church, Andalusia, Host To S. Ala.-N.W. Florida Association

With the moderator resigning in mid-year, Mrs. Marvin Brand, Jr., vice-moderator, assumed the task of preparing a program and then presiding over the S. Ala.-N.W. Fla. Association on Saturday, October 16.

Reports from the churches follow:

Antioch had been painted inside and outside, new pews were on order, carpet had been purchased, and some landscaping had been done. Pastor R. A. Davis tries to visit each church family every week or at least every other week—and he has a fulltime job other than the church!

Andalusia First had paid off the debt on the central air conditioner and was working to pay off the grant mortgage of \$2,000 to the UCBHM. Their parsonage is nearly free of debt. The pastor, B. L. Butler, has given full time to the church in recent months.

Baker, Pyron's Chapel has a new pastor, Harold Ritter, and 17 new members have recently joined the church. The church is buying flags and a water cooler, and the road is now paved from the church building to the highway.

Baker, Good Hope, Joe Brown pastor, is preparing to build additional Sunday School rooms. The Courtney Quartet renders music in many places. The young people are reaching out into the community to help the aged and shut-ins.

Brantley Indian Creek was seeking additional information on the U.C.C. Being in need of a communion set, they found one that had been in service at Southern Union College. Another set, also from the College, was taken to *Brantley Library* by the pastor, E. H. Henby.

Clio New Hope, under the leadership of Rev. and Mrs. Otto Culpepper, have installed new memorial windows; chancel furniture has been purchased, and the parsonage is free of debt. Some of the members "run a taxi" for people who need to go to the doctor. The church gave \$7.26 per member to Basic Support, ranking 3,018 in the denomination. Each first Sunday there is a fellowship covered dish meal.

Headland Blackwood has moved their



Herald Publishes Guide For Stewardship Campaigns

Take out a \$10 bill and look at the big smile on Alexander Hamilton's face.

"Wow! you're exciting people to work for" he's quoted as saying to the October issue of *United Church Herald*. That issue includes a helpful 24-page guide to help you improve your stewardship program.

The guide suggests a new definition of stewardship, describes two local churches which have expressed their mission creatively and shows how the average \$10 gift to a local church is spent for mission.

The issue, prepared in cooperation with the Stewardship Council, also includes a check list on how to develop a vigorous parish and a quiz that will test your mission awareness and get you involved.

Copies of the issue are still available in limited quantities for use in your fall stewardship program. Order from the UNITED CHURCH HERALD, Box 7095, St. Louis, Mo. 63166. 50c each; or more, 25c each.

pastor, Rev. Ray Smith and family, into the parsonage. Under the leadership of Mrs. Smith, a children's choir has been formed. The building has been painted; a Bible School and a revival have been held. This year members gave \$419 to OCWM and \$94 to One Great Hour of Sharing.

New officers of the Association are: Moderator, Rev. Ray Smith; Vice Moderator, Mrs. Marvin Brand; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Bernice Carter; Representative to the SEC Board of Directors, Miss Dora C. Brackin.

CENTRAL ALABAMA ASSOCIATION MEETS AT MOUNTAIN CREEK

Under the leadership of Moderator Winston Nobles, the Central Alabama Association met October 17, 1971 at Mountain Creek Union Church with approximately 40 representatives from seven churches.

The Church and Ministry Committee recommended that Russell Baldwin's license to preach be renewed for another year, and that the Association grant licenses to Mr. Leonard Smith, who serves Seman Community and Balm of Gilead Church, and to Mr. Don Whitehead, recently elected full-time pastor at East Tallasse Church. Rev. W. Walter Hall, Rev. Harold Schulz and Rev. Andrew Nelson licensed Mr. Smith and Mr. Whitehead.

The Christian Education Committee reported that a seminar had been held for Sunday School and Youth leaders. The Church Extension Committee reported that although the United Church of South Montgomery was inactive, it needed to be retained on the association roll until disposition of property had been made.

Using the theme, "God's Mission for Us," the meeting held three group discussions: Christian Education, Evangelism, and Association and Missions. Discussed were: Identifying the Church, Including Youth at Association Meetings, Organization of Women's Fellowships, Developing a Sunday School in Each Church, the Need for Each Church to Evangelize the World About It and the World Beyond It, the Possible Support of a Congregational Christian Missionary on a Foreign Field, Scholarship Aid for Needy Students and Extending Help Wherever Needed.

Rev. W. Walter Hall presented the story of the 8th General Synod and Mrs. Hall, Conference Moderator, related events of the Southeast Conference.

Mrs. Frankye Blankenship of Mountain Creek Church is the new secretary of the Association. If it can be arranged, the 1972 session will be at Seman Community Church.

MEN'S LIBERATION

A department store in Stockholm, Sweden, recently placed a large mirror at the main entrance and recorded the number of men and women who stopped to look at themselves. Out of 1,000 women, 42 paused for a look; out of the same number of men, 778 stopped.

—United Church Herald

Union CC Church, Mountain Creek, Alabama

As our church year of 1971 has just closed, we are counting our blessings. Under the care and ministry of the pastor, Rev. Russell T. Baldwin, the Church and Sunday School attendance has doubled, as have the contributions. The church enjoyed a good Bible Vacation School and has organized a Junior Choir under the leadership of Mrs. Mary Gray, Mrs. Emma Johnson and Miss Debbie Johnson. There have been 16 new members added to the church. We thank the Lord for His blessings and pray that we may have a good year in 1972.

Yours in Christ,

MRS. BULAH WILSON

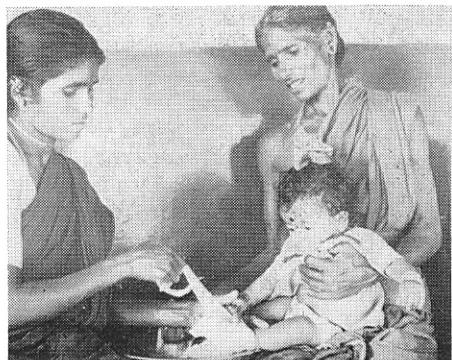
Where Your Mi\$\$ion \$\$\$\$ Go: In Oddanchatram, India

In the northern Madurai District of South India, a small hospital started by two Indian doctors is now being helped by the American Leprosy Missions and the United Church Board for World Ministries.

A part of its ministry of mercy is the Ambilikai mobile clinic manned by a leprosy-TB control team, consisting of Dr. and Mrs. Edward Clark Riggs, an Indian doctor and nurse, a paramedical worker, a lab technician, physical therapy technician, and a chaplain.

Prevention and early treatment are an important part of the total control of disease, which is the team's aim.

What is the UCBWM's part (and yours) in this venture? \$15,760 to be exact. When you give to *Our Christian World Mission*, you make the Ambilikai project your own.



Ambilikai's orthopedic and rehabilitative services are not limited to leprosy disabilities. This mother brought in her baby with a club foot and is overjoyed to learn that it can be helped.

LANETT CHURCH PAYS OFF ALL INDEBTEDNESS

The singing of the Doxology was the appropriate response of the congregation when, on Sunday night, July 18, 1971, announcement was made that funds were on hand to pay off all indebtedness on the reconstructed building of the United Church of Christ in Lanett, Alabama. This announcement was made on the eve of the departure of the pastor and his family for a four-week extended vacation trip through the west.

Rev. W. Walter Hall had stated in the morning service how nice it would be if they could leave on their vacation with all indebtedness liquidated. The Lanett Church burned on Monday night, May 19, 1969. Plans for rebuilding were immediately put into action, construction was begun in the fall and the congregation moved back into the newly constructed building in June of 1970, meeting in the Fellowship Hall until the pews were installed in December.

The building, costing \$190,214.60, was paid for in a year-and-a-half of a three-year capital funds program.

—MRS. W. WALTER HALL

Todd Church Giving Announced

In a recent church bulletin, the following figures were announced by Todd Church, Shawmut, Ala.:

\$3,645.11 was given for the weeks of July 1, to Sept. 18, 1971, inclusive.

From Sept. 19, 1970 to Sept. 18, 1971, total receipts were \$19,556.44.

During the year, members gave \$3,206 to help others and made twenty - eight payments on the church property, totaling \$6,833.92.

For several years the church has given \$100 per year to the Dean Van Cleave Scholarship Fund at Southern Union State Junior College. This year a deserving girl from Wadley, Ala., was granted the scholarship.

To solve the faith crisis we must "see that our clergy are 'restrained.'" That was how the response to the May (U.C.C.) *Herald* questionnaire was reported in the bulletin of a Connecticut church. Retraining of clergy was one of several options offered in the survey.

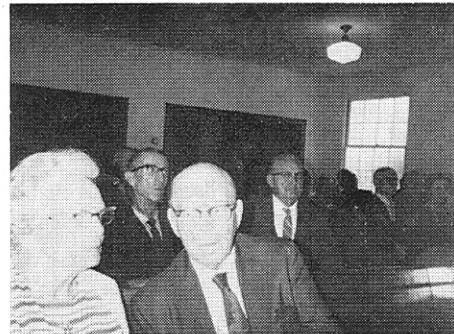
—United Church Herald

TEACHING POSTS OPEN IN TURKEY

Openings are available at Tarsus American College in historic Tarsus, Turkey, for qualified teachers of Chemistry/Physics/Math combinations. The UCBWM-related school has an enrollment of about 375 boys between the ages of 11 and 20. Tarsus has a population of some 60,000, is located about 10 miles from the Mediterranean Sea, and a half hour's drive from Adana, Turkey's fourth largest city.

A secondary teaching certificate with at least a B.S. degree and an undergraduate major in one of the subjects is required. Couples applying should both be certified to teach.

For more information call (collect) Overseas Personnel Recruitment Office, NYC: 212-870-2160.



Mrs. W. Walter Hall and Dr. William T. Scott at E. Ala. Assoc. meeting.

MINISTERS HONORED

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Suggestions were made regarding future meeting dates, noting the need to assemble at a time when younger people can attend. A committee was appointed to investigate the matter.

Dr. Charles F. McCook, Professor of Religion at LaGrange College, presented proposals for the *Work/Travel Seminar to Israel* in the summer of 1972.

The work of Elon Home for Children was graphically interpreted by Dr. William T. Scott, Development Associate of the Home. Dr. Scott also had the opportunity of renewing acquaintances of many years ago when he ministered in the area.

Officers elected were: Vice Moderator, Warner D. Noles; Secretary, H. Paul Beard; Treasurer, Ross McCormack. Moderator Allen Hollis will serve for another year.

WORLD COMMUNION AND FAMILY OUTING

A day of real fellowship was experienced by members and friends of Church of the Savior, Knoxville, Tenn., on Sunday, October 3. In the morning they celebrated the Sacrament of Holy Communion and received the Neighbors in Need offering.

In the afternoon, the entire congregation visited Indian Cave in Blane, Tenn., for a family outing and picnic supper.

A GROUND-BREAKING SERVICE for the congregation's proposed new building is anticipated for Sunday, November 7. Friends, as well as members, are urged to participate in this service of rejoicing, scheduled for 3 P. M.

Joint Confirmation

Classes Held

First and Brookmeade Churches, Nashville, Tenn., initiated a joint Confirmation Program on Saturday, Sept. 26, using facilities at Hillsboro United Presbyterian Church. At the first session, 25 persons attended from the two churches.

The program is set up for young people of grades eight through ten who want to explore the meanings of life and their relationship to the Christian faith. Meetings will be held on an average of once a month until mid-May 1972. Ordinarily the sessions will be held on Saturdays from 9:30 A. M. to 3 P. M.



"The stories are pretty dull. But the cookies and juice aren't bad at all."

Plans For Mt. Olive Church

Pastor Harold A. Schulz, his wife and two sons, recently united with Mt. Olive Church. Mr. Schulz visits and works in the community one day a week and returns for the Sunday services. He and his family live in Prattville, Ala.

Recently, the church listed a calendar of events: September 26, Rally Day and the beginning of Christian Education Week; October 3, World Communion Sunday; October 10, Laity Sunday; October 17, Harvest Home Sunday; October 31-November 7, Youth Sunday and Youth Week; November 14, Stewardship Sunday; November 21, Thanksgiving Sunday. Special sermons, children's sermons, and music by children were planned for each of the above occasions.

The pastor wrote to his people, "We need your help. I once talked to a farmer whose field was white with cottonballs. 'Yes,' he said, 'I have a good harvest, but I can't find anyone to help me pick it.' Two thousand years ago, Jesus knew a farmer in Palestine who had a great harvest. He used this incident to tell his disciples how hard it was to get willing helpers in the work he was doing. The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. God needs our time, our talents, our treasure. God needs each of us. God will bless you richly in your response to His calling."

BROOKMEADE BEGINS FAMILY WORSHIP

On Sunday, October 3, Brookmeade Church, Nashville, Tenn., began a combined worship and church school program. Their schedule is: 10:30 A. M., Worship for the entire family, with nursery for pre-school children.

11:15, Fellowship Break.

11:30, Christian Education program with family groupings in October, age groupings with senior highs and adults together in November.

"Family Grouping" means that groups of ten and twelve people, children and adults, will be placed together, having been given guidance as to topic, resource, materials and activities, and goals sought.

We congratulate Brookmeade on this innovative approach and hope to hear more as the program continues.

UCBHM Proposes Guidelines For Children's TV

Television should "convey to children a sense of the highest American ideals . . ." the Board for Homeland Ministries stated in a proposal to the Federal Communications Commission for guidelines for children's television.

Proposals drafted by the Division of Christian Education are aimed at cutting down violence, eliminating racism, protecting children from commercial exploitation, and making programs more informative and more entertaining.

The proposals were "within the parameters of television as it is . . . mass - oriented, commercially-sponsored and financed programs."

Text of the eight guidelines for children's television are available from Edward A. Powers, 1505 Race St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19102.



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to school.

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pay taxes or vote.

A soldier who will not join the army.

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An explorer with no base camp.
A seaman on a ship without
a crew.

A businessman on a
desert island.

An author without readers.

A football player without a team.

A politician who is a hermit.
A scientist who does not
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assistance.

The poster subject is The Rev. Herman F. Swartz. Though not a Christmas Fund recipient, he is a representative of those your gifts will help.

The Christmas Fund and emergency assistance are handled by The Pension Control Boards. Checks made payable to the Christmas Fund should be sent through the Southeast Conference office.